

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

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By

STEPHANIE WHITEHURST

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re application of:**

Skeiky *et al.*

Application No.: 09/688,672

Filed: October 10, 2000

For: FUSION PROTEINS OF  
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

Examiner: Rodney P. Swartz

Art Unit: 1645

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 29, 2002, please amend the application as follows. A petition to extend the time for response for three months, from April 29, 2002 to July 29, 2002, is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 29-55, 56-79, and 80-104 without prejudice to subsequent survival.

Please amend claim 25 as follows